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**C**There are many aspects of UFO Research; ranging from lights in the sky, the Religious outlook to the more sensational abductions, which may or may not be abductions in the true sense of the word, but medical tests carried out by entities for their own purposes, on people who are either still in their homes or have returned to them.

In V.U.F.O.R.S. early days, (V.F.S.R.S. in those days), we "chased" lights in the sky, in fact, almost anything that was reported except balloons which were not so prevalent then.. Many of the lights carried out maneuvers our craft could not execute and these objects were labelled 'flying saucers' because of their shape - circular, like two saucers placed together with a dome or cupola on top and witnesses still use the same description when currently reporting these same very fast moving machines which left anything we had at the time "flat footed" and possibly still could.

The subject then graduated to UFO's, a slightly more acceptable label than flying saucer and things started to move. We had people from overseas visiting and we learned of UFO landings in European villages and Russian towns. We had contacts in Scandinavian countries and a world wide web of reliable researchers, and we still have.

We were very fortunate in having a "Roving reporter" in the form of Public Relations Officer Paul Norman who made an overseas trip almost every year making useful contacts wherever he went.

It seemed the UFO's were gradually making themselves known to us as they continually seemed to pace and chase cars, sometimes landing on roads in front of them and even attempting to drag them towards their machine as if endeavouring to take them away.

In other words, they were terrifying numerous people on dark country roads.

We later heard of animal mutilations although these may or may not have anything to do with UFO's. Then came the Abductions!!

We have heard of many cases where people claim to have been taken to a UFO and subjected to medical tests and returned to their homes. We have also heard numerous cases where there have been attempts to take people but in some way they have been foiled.

Quite a number of these abduction cases start out as 'lights' following cars or are observed in the sky but end up as abductions! I know of at least two of these cases here in Victoria, there may be others too who, when they hear of these reports will jump on the bandwagon to make a bit of easy money. Some of these lies have broken up marriages not only in Australia but overseas also. However, some of the cases appear genuine and the 'victims' are quite traumatised, but with proper counselling, seem to recover rather rapidly or become accustomed to the irregular intrusions.

People are still reporting sightings, some of which are the Whitman's Blimp or planets which under certain atmospheric conditions, appear to move and change color. Most of these calls come in from the general public.



## ON THE UFO TRAIL

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**W**e are fortunate to have pilots who are interested in the problem of Unidentified Flying Objects, and who not only observe the skies but watch the printed page as well.

Since our last publication, an article has been received from Ric Wilson, who read a story in a publication titled, "Unusual Weather, Not UFO's Caused Valentich To Disappear." The author was a student at a university in Adelaide. He is certainly not a student of ufology, if so he would have been acquainted with at least a few minor details of the incident.

In the article the UFO is "explained" to be a corona, or a circle of white or colored light projected from the clouds. He then mentions sailors of vessels being fooled by such clouds. These other examples are irrelevant to cases where UFO's are involved.

VUFORS researchers are not speculators, they are investigators. The Valentich incident cost over \$3000, travelling over much territory around Bass Strait, including King Island as well as Cape Otway and the Apollo Bay vicinity, responding to witnesses who phoned us. The fact is we have witnesses who observed both the aircraft and the object flying above the aircraft, and at no stage was the aircraft flying upside down or any other way contrary to the description Valentich was giving. We do not classify any disappearance or UFO encounter unless a UFO is reported.

There are many causes of disappearances. In the Valentich encounter however, many sightings occurred on that day and night which have been documented, and after 20 years,

sightings are still being reported that occurred on that same day and night. People come forward at lectures and report through the mail. The reason they remember the date is because the sightings were on the same date and some at the same time of day.

Veteran ufologists are familiar with the electro magnetic effects that UFO's have on ignition systems of both motor cars and aircraft when near such systems. The characteristic which occurred when the pilot was reporting his engine coughing.

Research is not confined to one single case. It requires research over many decades of similar incidents, not likely to be learned from university professors who never study cases.

Such an attempted explanation as that given by the university student is reminiscent of the sighting by Rev. Lionel Browning and his wife near Cressy, Tasmania, October 4, 1960, when they observed a large cigar shaped object operating with smaller disc shaped objects.

The two witnesses saw the large, grey object which had no wings nor visible means of propulsion, with bands around its surface, fly northward for a short time before it hovered, at which time 6 smaller disc shaped objects came out of a cloud. The smaller objects were much faster than the large object. They then took up a formation around the large object, then the formation started moving toward the south and back into the cloud.

The sceptics "explanation" of this sighting was, "The phenomenon was the result of the moonrise associated with meteorological conditions at the time of the sighting. The presence of scud type clouds moving in

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varying directions due to turbulence in and around the rain squall near which the objects were sighted, and the position of the moon or its reflection, produced the impression of flying objects."

This is a case that we cover in our illustrated lecture to public groups, including comments of Professor James McDonald, who came from the University of Arizona to Australia to check out sifted cases by VUFORS and others. He said, "Such an explanation has a familiar ring to anyone who has studied large numbers of

USAF explanations of UFO sightings. One can quickly establish that the moon was full on the date of the Cressy sightings, and it would have risen not in the east, south east, but a few degrees north of east. There was not only a dense rain storm obscuring all the eastern sky as seen from the rectory, but the highest mountain range of Tasmania lay behind those clouds to further obscure the just risen full moon." Ben Lomond Summit, 616 feet, lies to the east, north east of Cressy, and its ridge extends off to the south and north from the summit.

### **TO BLIMP OR NOT TO BLIMP:**

That is the question. One that was answered around the Wangaratta area on the evening of Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, 1999.

It was just after sunset and the evening was clear with the stars emerging from the ever-deepening darkness. A great evening to observe anything that may be out of the ordinary. It sounds like the start of a great story, but this is the truth believe it or not.

Well it wasn't the star viewers that had the shock, but a couple of down to earth people on their way home. The last thing on their minds was the light moving near their Greta West home. A sight that had them ringing, ringing who?... The Police. What did they do, rang us. This was the beginning.

The reports came into the Police Communications Centre, a light the size of a football ground and it was low. What can it be, yes we can all wonder.

Telephone calls came to us from the Police, What can it be, this light. It is moving slowly. It is giving the hebbie jebbies to our concerned residents.

Well before we could say much more a well-informed and observant Police Officer followed the light and positively identified it as an unidentified flying Blimp.

Yes the Whitman's lightship had graciously slipped into our skies.

A UFO case solved, but what a talking point amongst the locals.

All we could say was keep looking up, the next thing may not be the blimp.

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## **UFO POTPOURRI**

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### **REAL SCIENTISTS DO UFO RESEARCH**

From time to time I am asked why scientists don't get involved in UFO research. My answer is that real scientists have been doing UFO research since the modern era of UFO sightings began in 1947. They investigate, analyze, research and document the evidence available from the better UFO incidents. And from time to time they speak out on the subject, sharing the results of their important work. One such event was a two-day scientific conference held at the University of Arizona on November 22 and 23, 1971. The event was sponsored by the University of Arizona Student Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and by the Aerial Phenomena Research Association.

The conference participants spoke from a position of knowledge and authority. Each had done a significant amount of UFO data research and analysis. In addition, their stature in the scientific community was unquestioned. What they dared to say should have been a wake-up call for humanity. Some examples are as follows:

Dr. John C. Munday, biophysicist and associate professor of geography at Erindale College, University of Toronto, Canada made a profound statement based on data he had amassed. He said: "I certainly don't think all UFOs are from our own earth. One thing that convinced me of their existence was a case I investigated near Chicago several years ago. A housewife, who doesn't want to be named, heard a whistling sound outside her house. She opened the front door and saw a bright orange light some distance away. She was frightened and shouted for her husband. He also saw the light. When the light finally disappeared, the whistling sound stopped. The next day she felt sick and had a great thirst for fruit juices. Over the next two months, her skin became red, dry, scaly and peeled. I visited her two months after the incident and her skin still showed these effects. But I gave her a lie-detector test anyway and had to conclude that she was telling the truth about her experience with the orange light. The thirst and raw skin the woman suffered are typical of an overdose of ultraviolet radiation. Or the high-frequency energy of the whistling sound sent out by the object might also have been responsible for her condition."

Dr. Robert F. Creegan, educator and professor of philosophy at the State University of New York, Albany, said: "I'm convinced there is intelligent life in outer space. UFOs are not just illusions. Some reports show them to be controlled objects. To me, the most acceptable and realistic theory is that the UFOs are controlled by intelligent beings from outer space." During his lecture,

Dr. Creegan pointed out that electromagnetic effects have been observed: "Not only have automobiles been stalled by UFOs in many parts of the world, but also motorcycles and motor scooters have been stalled in France, as well as farm tractors in Italy. In Alaska, a pattern of red-and-white lights swept in from the sea over Juneau and as they passed overhead some ships had electrical failures, while a fish cannery on shore also experienced an electrical blackout."

Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, associate professor of psychology and director of the Division of Counseling and Testing at the University of Wyoming said: "I believe the most reasonable explanation for UFOs is that they are craft controlled by intelligent beings. From my examination of UFO case histories, I find it reasonable to believe we are being studied by intelligent beings who want to know about us, but who don't want us to know they are doing it. I do not feel that there is any reason for alarm. They give no evidence of hostility."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Dearborn Observatory and Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Evanston, Illinois, and long-time scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force UFO Investigation project said: "UFOs are now a respectable subject for scientific study."

Dr. Emerson W. Shideler, retired chairman of the Department of Philosophy at the Iowa State University of Science and Technology said: "I believe the evidence is quite clear that UFOs exist. The most probable explanation is that they are controlled by intelligence from another planet. There is a very real possibility that they are completely unlike our accepted ideas of normal life. I do not believe they are any threat to us. But their impact on our notions of culture and religion would be tremendous if their visits could be proved."

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, head of the Department of Plant Science at Utah State University, at Logan, said: "We don't know whether UFOs are controlled by space beings of intelligence – but it is a strong possibility and a theory we must seriously consider. Then what kind of beings could they be? One possibility is that they could be virtual immortals. Certainly there are plant cells which have never died. These beings could be similar. It would help explain their survival for centuries or more if they were coming from other stars in our own Milky Way or even from other galaxies."

## DUBAI OFFICIAL STANDS BY UFO REPORT

According to the *Khaleej Times*, June 10, 1997, there is little doubt in the mind of Dubai Civil Defense Chief Colonel Ali Al Sayed that an unidentified flying object (UFO) he saw precisely at 8:10 p.m. on the night of June 5 was an alien spacecraft.

Colonel Al Sayed and his friends, while relaxing at his farm in Hatta saw what he believes was a UFO, describing it as a round white light at first which, when it came closer, was clearly oval in shape.

Colonel Al Sayed enumerated several reasons for his conviction that it was indeed an alien craft he saw. Among them, the fact that this star-gazer keenly scans the skies with his telescope whenever he visits his Hatta retreat

and says he knows what planes, helicopters, and other identifiable aircraft look like – and this wasn't one of them. The object's movement was extremely steady and it didn't generate any sound at all.

Describing the sight, Colonel Sayed said it suddenly appeared as a white luminescent dot in the sky and began to increase in size as it started moving south and coming closer. "It appeared like a round, white light at first but when it came closer I realized that the shape was because of the halo-like light around it which made it appear circular," he said. "When it had descended to about 5,000 meters, it was clear that the shape was oval and not round. After remaining static for about 10 seconds, the source of light seemed to disappear leaving behind two arcs facing each other horizontally, in the shape of an eye."

## BALL TRAVELING AT NEARLY THE SPEED OF LIGHT

The *Orange County Register*, Santa Ana, CA reported on December 17, 1996, that a mysterious ball of light was videotaped in the Earth's upper atmosphere, traveling at nearly the speed of light.

"Brief footage of the image, which appeared for about three-one-hundredths of a second at an estimated height of 50 miles, was presented for the first time at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union."

"In a six-frame sequence, the object can clearly be seen crossing upward and left across the field of view while retaining its shape and intense glow."

"It's the first and only event of this kind photographed to my knowledge," said Dean A. Morss, assistant professor of atmospheric sciences at Creighton University in Nebraska. Morss is heading a research project designed to videotape luminous electrical phenomena, called sprites, in the upper atmosphere.

Scientists were observing a region of thunderstorm activity in western Kansas from a ground-observation point in Nebraska when the mystery ball appeared. Navy Lt. Paul McCrone, a graduate student at Creighton, videotaped the image August 22.

"It's clearly something that does not have any mass. The angular speed is too fast to be anything at orbital velocity," said Morris B. Pongratz, a scientist with the Los Alamos National Laboratory who has examined the tape. "This guy is clearly moving."

## CHILEAN AIR FORCE UFO COMMITTEE

According to Reuters News Service, Chile's air force appointed a committee in 1997 to compile reports on UFOs and other unusual aerial occurrences. A spokesman for Chile's air force-run civil aviation authority, the committee will not take reports from ordinary people who claim they have seen flying saucers, but rather from what the air force considers more reputable sources.

"We have control tower operators and pilots who have seen unusual objects, not to say flying objects, because we don't know if they were stellar luminous phenomena," he said.

### LASER BEAM CAN POP OUT SINGLE CELLS

A mystery, that some people believe to be related to the UFO mystery, is animal mutilations. One of the reasons given is the apparent use of advanced technologies in performing the mutilations. Researchers have found evidence of very accurate incisions, actually cutting between the cells in the removal of organs.

Some researchers have suggested that military units armed with field laser packages could be performing the radical surgeries. Others argue that the accuracy needed to complete the operations is greater than what could be done in the field. Because a lot of the advanced laser technology is classified, it is difficult to ascertain the facts.

Some light may have been shed on the subject by an article in the August 15, 1998 issue of *Science News*. Scientists' Kaiin Schutze and Georgia Lahr at the Academic Hospital in Munich, Germany, have devised a laser that cuts out a cell and flips it into a waiting test tube. This process offers researchers a way to remove single cells from a tissue sample in less than 30 seconds.

The process is a bit complex. First, the researchers affix a slice of tissue to a thin plastic sheet and mount it on a glass slide above a highly focused ultraviolet laser. Looking through a microscope, they identify a particular cell, then burn around its edges with the laser, cutting out the cell like a cookie from a sheet of dough.

Then, by doubling the power of the laser and adjusting it to focus below the target cell, they launch the individual cell vertically off the glass slide and catch it with the cap of a test tube. The cell rides the stream of photons from the laser like a surfer on top of a wave. The cell can be beamed several millimeters away, even against gravity.

Other researchers have developed similar laser-based techniques to isolate clusters of cells. In one such method, a team at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD., uses an infrared laser to heat a plastic film laid on top of a slice of tissue. The film melts above the target cells and sticks them to a plastic cap held above the sample. When the cap is lifted away, it carries the cells with it.

Using variations of the laser process dates back to 1985 at Michigan State University at East Lansing.

It is not easy to visualize how this process could be used in a field on a ranch at night amid a heard of cattle.

## UFO Classic Sighting Report

### The Boianai Sightings Papua New Guinea 40 Years On

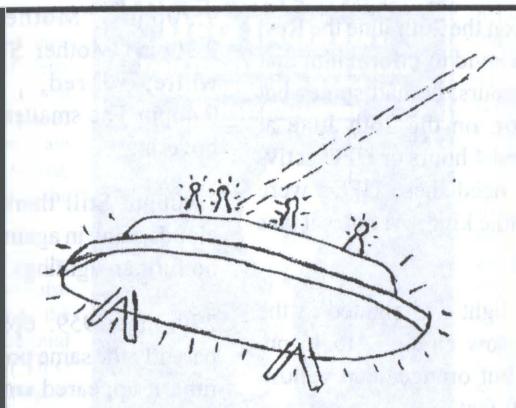
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#### THE MAIN RECORDED SIGHTINGS ON THE EVENINGS OF JUNE 21, 26 and 27, - 1959.

I had not long been a Committee member of this Society and felt very privileged and pleased to meet both the Rev. Gill and the Rev. Cruttwell at the Penthouse of our previous president. It was a very pleasant get-together to hear first hand the story of the Close Encounters and to be able to learn of the veracity of the episode.

In 1973, when Dr. J. Allen Hynek was to visit Melbourne, the Committee organised a meeting at the same Collins Street Penthouse, where Dr. Hynek could interview and meet the Rev. Gill and other witnesses of sightings or close encounters. The ladies of the Society prepared meals and we spent two days recording and interviewing people. We had one person who claimed Dr. Hynek had summoned him and demanded to enter. We did not desire any interlopers, so we asked Dr. Hynek if this was the case, had he made the request. He did not even know him or had heard of him!!

Altogether it was a very enjoyable two days with considerable knowledge gained by both witnesses and investigators.



Sketch of UFO by Rev. Gill showing entities and shaft of light.

The Rev. Gill reported on the activities of UFO's over the Anglican Mission Station at Boianai in Papua-New Guinea during the above period of time. There were 38 witnesses to the principal sightings, 27 of whom signed the original statement examined by VFSRS (later VUFORS) investigators. The witnesses were all Papuan natives, several of whom were educated teachers and medical assistants.

The types of UFO's sighted were large, manned craft with elaborate superstructure and smaller apparently remote-controlled discs with no apparent protuberances.

They hovered and swung in pendulum fashion, and showed tremendous spurts of speed. The manned larger object on the 27th June was seen to cross the bay at Boianai - about 30 miles wide - in less than a second. Even calculations made by scientific laymen, allowing for inaccuracies of range etc , the UFO's performance was staggering.

Apparently, prior to the main report there had been numerous sightings in the area.

On the 26th June 1959 at 1 am., Stephen, a teacher, watched a bright white light coming out of the sky at a point about one quarter of a mile out to sea. It descended from what seemed to be a great height and he watched it for about three minutes, moving and descending along the coast to a point a little east of the Mission station at a height of about 300 feet. It remained stationary for about a minute, gradually decreasing in brilliance until the witness could discern the shape of an inverted saucer with a slight tilt backwards enabling him to see part of the base. The object then moved upwards and disappeared into clouds. When first sighted, the witness (Stephen), thought it to be "a light similar to those dropped by 'planes during the war".

Less than 24 hours later, on the 26th June the Rev. Gill wrote to his friend David to inform him that in the brief time of 24 hours, he had somewhat changed his opinion for, on the 26th June at Boianai, they experienced 4 hours or UFO activity. He was now convinced these UFOs were "handled by beings of some kind. At times it was absolutely breath taking".

6.45pm A bright white light was sighted in the NW. There was patchy low cloud. At 6.45 pm the light, not so bright but orange/deep yellow, came down to about 500 feet.

6.55pm The people at the Mission station were called out and at the same time a 'man' was seen on the top of the object - he moved and then there were three men. They glowed and appeared to be working on the deck.

7.04pm The entities were gone, then at 7.10 pm. the cloud ceiling covered the sky at 2,000 feet. The men then appeared again and a thin electric-blue beam shot skyward.

7.20pm The 'spotlight' went off, the men went and the UFO went up through the cloud.

8.28pm. The sky above was clear, the object was

once again overhead and appeared to descend and got larger, not as big as before but nearer. Another was observed over the sea and hovering at times, one over a nearby village and another to the east.

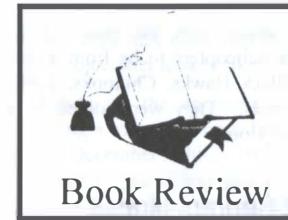
8.50pm - clouding over again - no more than 2000 feet. The large UFO remained stationary with the smaller ones coming and going through the clouds. He wondered if the large one was the earlier one and called it a "Mother Ship". It remained stationary and larger than the first one appeared.

9.05pm Some smaller "ships" (3) had gone. 9.10pm. "Mother Ship" had gone giving a red light. No. 1 smaller ship had gone into clouds. 9.20pm "Mother Ship" was back. 9.30pm "Mother Ship" gone across the sea - white, red, blue - GONE! 9.46pm The smaller UFO reappears overhead - hovering.

10.00pm Still there and stationary - then the clouds came in again and at 11.04 heavy rain then no further sightings.

27th June 1959. 6pm Large UFO sighted in apparently the same position as previous night. This time it appeared smaller. They thought it may have been the same "Mother Ship" as the night before. They watched figures appear on top of the object - four of them and no doubt they were human. Two smaller UFO's were seen overhead at the same time.

Two figures appeared again on the deck and appeared to be working, raising their arms or bending over as though adjusting equipment. One figure seemed to be standing looking down at the people on the Mission Station, so Fr. Gill waved an arm above his head and two entities did the same, then one of the mission boys waved both arms and the figures did the same. This exercise of recognition caused gasps of "joy or surprise or perhaps both".

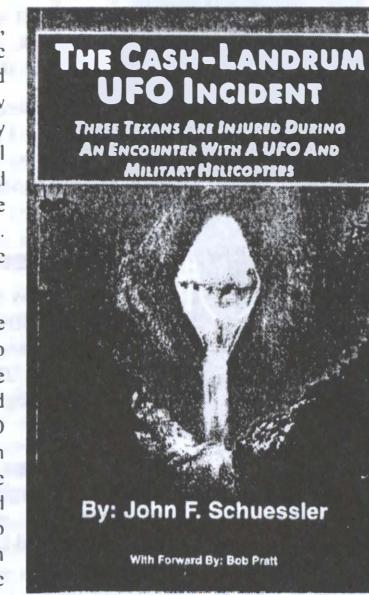


## Book Review

This book records the story of a close encounter with a UFO in 1980, which left three victims, (Vickie Landrum 57, her Grandson Colby 7, and Betty Cash 52), when they were driving on a main highway in Texas, 7 miles past New Caney, and 15 miles from their homes.

The author, John F Schuessler, has thoroughly researched the incident, supported and assisted the victims, and now with the recent death of Betty Cash declares that, "...I will never consider the case closed until the perpetrators are exposed and justice served. This book is just the beginning."

In opening his forward to the book, Bob Pratt, who also researched and assisted the victims says, "Since the mid 1980's, many American UFO researchers have been mired in endless quarreling over The Roswell incident, MJ-12, and other quagmires, with little to show for it other than bitterness. In doing so, they've overlooked or ignored one of the most significant cases ever to come to light." Later in the forward, "This is a unique case, one of extremely high strangeness with multiple witnesses, serious medical effects, military involvement, and government cover ups." Bob concludes, "Someone in the US knows exactly what happened to Betty, Vickie and Colby, but they have remained silent despite all the suffering and ridicule those three endured."



By: John F. Schuessler

With Forward By: Bob Pratt

# The Cash-Landrum UFO Incident

By John F. Schuessler  
Review by Joan Price

## The Event

The first indication of the presence of the UFO was the gradual increase in a vertical glow on the horizon. It stood out clearly on the dark sky as a vertical streak of red, even though it was obviously miles away but getting closer. They drove a few more miles with tall plantation pines on both sides and very few houses. It was shortly before 9am on December 29th., 1980.

The UFO, now much closer, was described as a fiery looking thing, the size of a car. The boy was frightened and the adults concerned. Then without warning of any kind, the sky seemed to split open and this enormous triangular object came down in front of them, with its bottom half between the trees but suspended above the highway. Strips of flames blasted down from the bottom, thus blocking their way. The whole object gave off a dazzling brilliance and a roaring sound. Betty brought the car to a slammed brake halt, 150 feet from the object. Excessive heat penetrated the car. Betty was too afraid to back the car on the narrow road, with soft mud on the shoulders and ditches on both sides with no gate openings. Turning around was impossible on the narrow road in winter darkness and their blinded eyesight due to the brilliance.

## What They Did

Betty opened the driver's door and got out with the intention of running, but was blinded by the

brilliance and felt trapped as she stood behind the door. Colby became terrified and hysterical. All three were then out of the overheated car, standing behind the opened doors. Vickie's left hand was on top of the car. They could not detect what was causing the flames to gush from the bottom of the object. Sometimes it would rise 30 feet with excessive fire blasts and a whooshing sound like that of air brakes on a heavy truck, only to fall back when the blast receded. Also heard at irregular intervals was a beeping noise, so loud that it hurt their ears. Colby became terror stricken, and forced his grandmother back into the car with him. He was having trouble breathing. Betty walked to the front of the car and touched the fender. The metal was blisteringly hot. She raised her left arm to shield her eyes in an effort to see more details of the object. She became disoriented and her eyes seemed to have a thin veil pulled over them. She could not go further, but remained there for about five minutes. They had now been stopped for about 15 minutes. Suddenly the object rose swiftly.

## Military Intervention

When it rose to about 800 feet, they could no longer recognise its shape. Even though flames no longer came out from it, a glow like that of a red hot iron on a Blacksmith's anvil surrounded the object. The object then moved slowly off to the south, and as it did so the trio saw that helicopters were surrounding it and keeping pace with it.

Betty had difficulty starting the car, but eventually got the air conditioning working. The radio was dead. Their route was also to the south. They saw the object and surrounding helicopters to their right. After driving 2 miles, they stopped to watch more helicopters coming in from their left. They were able to keep the object and helicopters in view as they drove further. Soon Betty declared that she felt she was burning from the inside outwards, and Vickie developed a headache. Colby complained of a headache too, and all three could see spots before their eyes.

Vickie commented, "One thing is for sure, either they know what that thing is or they're trying to find out." Betty replied, "They must know what it is or they wouldn't be here." After a few more miles they stopped again, and could now see the object and helicopters across an open air field. Betty counted 26 helicopters, while Vickie and Colby counted 23.

They saw more coming from the east. Later research showed the helicopters to be from a new task force unit of Black Hawks, Chinooks, a Sky Crane and light models. They were joined by a second unit from Fort Hood.

## The Onset Of Serious Illness

They now felt they must get home without delay, as sickness in all three was becoming apparent. All three suffered increased headache, eyes became puffy and irritated, nausea with abdominal cramps, and consuming thirst. After dropping Vickie and Colby off, Betty had another 7 miles to drive. She could feel lumps forming in her neck and head. She managed to get inside her home. "I feel like I could die," she said. It was nearly her last lucid moment for about a week, and in the months to come there were times when she wished she would die.

All three suffered seriously, extensively and continuously. The symptoms developed, their treatment and the terror that never left the trio is fully described and illustrated.

## Other Witnesses

UFO activity was being reported in many countries at this time. Renowned UFO researcher, Jenny Randles, has written extensively of activity in Britain on 26th, 27th., and 29th., December 1980, presenting strong evidence of overflights and landings.

The Deputy Base Commander of RAF Base at Woodbridge, England, in an official report, related to events just outside the base, describes a triangular shaped UFO, and he personally witnessed some of these.

A hospital engineer, returning home at midnight on December 29th., watched a triangular UFO near Cleveland in Texas for thirty minutes. It was hovering at tree-top level.

Belle Magee, living 7 miles from Dayton, Texas, looked out of the window towards New Caney and saw a big light at 9 pm. She commented on it to fellow card players. This was the time and place of the trio's encounter.

Angela and Doug Stanley were driving the same route as the trio and were well ahead of them. They

saw what they described as a very bright light, and an object that looked like a car in the sky.

Nearby to the encounter, Jerry MacDonald was fixing a water leak outside his house from 7 to 9 pm on December 29th. He described the triangular shape of the object just as the trio had done. It passed over him at 150 to 200 feet. Within 24 hours he was suffering flu symptoms with headache and 103 degree temperature. He was sick off and on for the next six weeks, and was treated for an air pocket in his lung on February 14th., at the local hospital.

Other sightings are listed, but the triangular shape is constant over the three day period.

## The Pentagon Express Interest

When it was noted that only US military units operated twin rotor helicopters along the Gulf of Mexico coastline, the US government became the focus of the investigation. The investigators sent letters to the US Airforce, Army and Marines, Texas National Guard, US Senators and Representatives. There was no response to the letters so they were followed up with telephone calls to all bases within 300 miles of Houston, Texas. The investigators concluded, "We didn't learn much." This bureaucratic apathy was devastating to Betty and Vickie. After years of pride and trust in their government, they seemed to have become non persons says the author. Betty and Vickie then turned to the media for assistance. Science Digest and Omni magazine articles were helpful, but after the That's Incredible television show aired their segment, a Congressional Inquiry forced the Pentagon to respond on February 24th., 1982, fourteen months after the event. The inquiry found that USAF did not use twin rotor helicopters.

Colonel Saran handled the inquiry for the Army, and made it clear from the outset that he did not believe the Army was involved, although they had such helicopters at Fort Hood. Later when Colonel

Saran's handwritten notes were released under a Freedom of Information request, it was found that he had noted, "December 29th., 1980. 100 helicopters. Robert Gray field, came in, for effect." and later in the note, "There may be other witnesses." There was no follow up by the inquiry to these notes, and the reply to the FOI request came too late to force a more detailed investigation through the government agency.

Chapters 24 - 31 deal with the Army's denial that the helicopters were in the area, and statements by several witnesses, including one of the pilots of the helicopters, who say they were there.

At first, Betty and Vickie had approached the government with the hope of finding what the UFO emitted, so that they could receive informed treatment that was desperately needed for all three. When it became obvious that help from the government was not forthcoming, they decided to take legal action against the government. Chapters 32 - 37 cover this part of their traumatic lives.

The final chapter records the present position up to just before Betty's death last December. This chapter also records the rapid and unique manner in which the car deteriorated.

Colby has survived without the foreshadowed leukaemia, and is now fully employed and caring for his grandmother as she cared for him in her own extremity then.

A satisfactory appendix includes photographs and copies of relevant original documentation.

I strongly recommend this book to all who prefer their reading on this subject to be of well researched, first hand accounts of contact with UFO's. The author includes his full address for direct contact, which is a courtesy not to be ignored.

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Betty Cash prior to the UFO incident

# Human space colonies increasingly possible

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## NASA foresees long-distance space travel

BY JAMES HEER

Humanity's age-old dream of living among the stars may be closer to reality than we think.

"Technologies are finally maturing to the point where we can do big things in space," says Robert Frisbee, a member of NASA's Advanced Propulsion Technology Group. His list of possibilities include "mining asteroids, going to the moon, to Mars, going to the outer planets, and ultimately moving out of the cradle of

mankind into the stars."

How we might make that move is explored tonight in *Escape from Earth*, a two-hour television documentary airing on CBC's *Nature of Things*.

Projecting a century or so into the future, *Escape from Earth*, (which I helped write and produce) examines what it might be like for humanity's first star-travellers heading to an Earth-like planet in a nearby solar system. Science fiction perhaps, but not entirely out of this world, say the physicists, engineers, and astronauts focussing on this goal.

The most important advances are possibly those being made at NASA's Advanced Life Support System at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. What looks like a

small, windowless dome from the outside, and a suburban rec room - complete with scattered chairs, card table, and washing machine - on the inside, may hold the key to interplanetary travel.

ALSS scientists hope to overcome a central obstacle to sending humans to other worlds: how to keep them alive en route. They are creating a miniature ecosystem that might one day produce enough food, water, and air to sustain a group of astronauts indefinitely in space.

"It's just way too heavy to carry all the water that we need to drink, all of the air that we need to breathe," says Nigel Packam, an ALSS researcher. "So it forces us into recycling all of the water, and regenerating all of the air."

With a handful of crop species, and as little as 33 square metres of space in which to grow them, ALSS engineers can already produce enough oxygen, food, and recycled water to sustain one astronaut indefinitely.

"I think psychologically that's going to be something that people are going to have to think about."

NATIONAL POST, FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1999

## Youth dies to meet aliens

VICTORIA • A 16-year-old youth jumped or fell to his death from a 65-metre cliff in an effort to join an alien culture. In a report on the youth's death, Cynthia Morton, the children's commissioner, said the youth never received the help he needed. Three days before he went missing in 1997, the youth told a friend he was planning to jump from the top of a 20-storey apartment building.

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"Plants are the ideal partner to take with you on a long-duration space flight, because they want what you breathe out and you want what they can produce for you, namely oxygen and food," says Dr. Packam, who recently spent 90 days locked inside the ALSS test chamber.

Hand-in-hand with keeping a crew alive on a long space mission is finding a cheaper, faster method of getting them there.

To breakthrough Earth's atmospheric soup, the Space Shuttle must travel at about 36,000 kilometres an hour, burning 10.9 tonnes of fuel every second. The cost is enormous - about \$3-million for each astronaut on board.

Using current rocket technologies, a trip to an alien world like the one *Escape from Earth*'s crew is heading toward could take as long as 150,000 years. But here too, NASA scientists are hard at work, envisioning a propulsion system that will harvest hydrogen atoms as it moves through the galaxy and soar at speeds approaching 650 million kilometres per hour. Travel time for our future adventurers? Under 15 years.

"As opposed to *Star Trek* where you go from zero to half the speed of light in a second," he says, "because if that's the case, then you're chunky salsa on the back of the spacecraft."

Perhaps the only thing scientists cannot accurately anticipate is how voyagers might respond to being so far from home.

On missions near Earth, the time lag of communication is less than a second - only two seconds between Houston and the moon. But far beyond Pluto commands take nine and a half hours to reach Voyager 1. Messages to a crew travelling beyond our solar system could take years to arrive, if they get there at all.

"Some day when we reach out, the Earth is going to fade into nothing but a bright, brilliant star," says Apollo astronaut Eugene Cernan.

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From time to time, ever since FSR was launched in the Spring of 1955, there have been reports to the effect that the Vatican has its own UFO study department, and is following the situation very closely -as, by golly, any religious body ought to be doing!

Indeed, it is impossible to think that the principal leaders and thinkers in any of the world's religions or in any subsidiary sector or cult would not be taking very serious note indeed of such a weird and strange set of phenomena as are confronting mankind today.

Likewise it is well known that the so-called "Marian Apparitions and Phenomena", such as have occurred at Lourdes, La Salette, Fátima, Garabandal, Knock, Medjugorje, and elsewhere, have also been the subjects of intense study, but that by no means all of the hierarchy of the Catholic Church have necessarily concluded that all of these phenomena are of benevolent or divine origin, or indeed are not actually of sinister -even demonic- inspiration.

It is therefore exceedingly strange to hear that Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Vatican "theologian insider" close to the Pope, has gone on Italian national television five times in recent months to proclaim that "extraterrestrial contact is a real phenomenon".

He announced that the Vatican is receiving much information about extraterrestrials and their contacts with humans from its Nuncios (i.e. its embassies) in various countries such as Mexico, Chile and Venezuela.

Monsignor Balducci said that he himself is on a Vatican commission looking into extraterrestrial encounters and how to cope with the emerging general realisation of the reality of extraterrestrial contact. Setting out the Catholic Church's analysis of the situation, he emphasised that the E.T. encounters are NOT demonic, NOT due to psychological impairment, NOT due to "entity attachment", and that they deserve to be studied carefully.

Since Monsignor Balducci is himself reputed to be the **Vatican's expert exorcist**, and since, as we know, the Catholic Church has historically been inclined to demonise many new phenomena that were not well understood, his proclamation of the Vatican's "blanket non-censure" of these encounters is all the more remarkable, and downright disturbing.

When a visiting American doctor from the Academy of Clinical Close Encounter Therapists recently visited Balducci, this is the judgement that Balducci gave him!

For our part, we consider it totally ridiculous to start by assuming that any part of the UFO phenomenon is necessarily from "Outer Space" -in fact we are certain that most of it, and indeed possibly all of it, is, as both Hynek and Vallée perceived long ago, most probably entirely from "other dimensions" or "Inner Space" -in other words, **FROM RIGHT HERE, AND NOT NECESSARILY FROM ANYTHING NICE**.

Nobody who has spent any length of time in examining the evidence can have failed to see that most of the UFO Phenomenon bears all the hallmarks of being profoundly sinister, profoundly hostile to mankind, and profoundly destructive and disturbing: and that there is no good evidence yet that **any** of it is from "Outer Space". (If it is indeed from "Outer Space", then the visiting entities are an awful lot of liars, for none of their stories add up.)

We understand that in the U.S.A. Whitley Strieber and Dr. Richard Boylan Ph.D. have both expressed their concern over the Balducci statement, and I concur. Extreme caution is called for.

And let us bear in mind that there is plenty of evidence that every one of the so-called Great Religions of Mankind was long ago thoroughly well penetrated and infiltrated by forces from the "Left Hand Path"! G.C. ■

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## HOAXERS!

from UFO\*BC QUARTERLY Summer 1998  
British Columbia, Canada – by Chad Deetken

Why would anyone choose to be a hoaxter – a deceiver? The very nature of hoaxing means inflicting pain and embarrassment on others. British forensic psychologist Dr Mike Berry says:

'Most hoax offenders are lonely, inadequate people who crave attention, however negative, and who will pay little regard to the consequences of their actions. If you lead a boring life and feel you have no control over what happens to you, hoaxing is a way of adding excitement in much the same way as joy-riding or drugs. It is also a very repeatable offence, which means you can go on getting a buzz from it until you are caught.'

Clearly, we are not dealing with a savoury element of society, while there is little doubt they have varying talents of arguable limits, and they contribute absolutely nothing to the field of research. Their very presence is an impediment. Let them cast their dark shadows elsewhere and allow us to continue on a level playing field. This dispute, however, will likely continue for some time to come.

**Comment:** The above extract from a UFO group operating from Vancouver, Canada, is so pertinent to two hoaxes in southern Africa, that I e-mailed them to see if I could be allowed to use this quote from a British psychologist. Those of you who have been regular readers of UFC AFRINEWS will recognise my reference to James van Greunen, who perpetrated the complex hoax of the **alleged** crash of a UFO on the Botswana/South African border (See AFRINEWS N°3, pp.5-13; N°4, pp.20-31; N°5, pp.19-35, and various other brief references in later issues).

Tony Dodd and the Birdsall brothers, who published UFO MAGAZINE in Britain, were convinced that this case was a reality, although they accepted that Van Greunen himself might have lied.

Your Editors, however, know that there was neither a UFO nor a UFO crash, and in fact, have recently learnt that even the initial report regarding the naval frigate, was false. In fact, the prelude to the actual shooting down of the supposed UFO is totally untrue; and this from a South African source who was close to the whole episode.

What my source does not say, and because of his position, will not discuss, is whether this was a newly developed weapon tested by South Africa (maybe a laser weapon?), which landed over the border in Botswana. Van Greunen took it from there and made the whole into a magic event of 'aliens', 'alien writing' and strange RAF-ranked pilots. I am not denying that the original story was exciting and promised great fame for South Africa and of course, for James! But the tragedy lies in the fact that I am still receiving letters, e-mails and excited questions about this event. It is almost impossible to convince people that the sooner they forget about this case, the better. Not only this one, but the alleged Lesotho UFO crash was another Van Greunen non-runner, after a few investigators had spent a lot of wasted money – and time – on checking it out.

Let's be wary of hoaxers like this, and not have Africa blamed for denigrating and messing up on UFOs when we just seem to be getting somewhere!

## What Next by G. Simpson

One of the most recent developments in the Roswell story revolves around the official press conference that was held in the office of General Roger Ramey on the afternoon of July 8<sup>th</sup> 1947. The press photographer is still alive and still recalls the smell that emanated from some brown paper parcels that were scattered around the office. They apparently reminded him of .. "the smell of a burnt house".

Some of these parcels are visible in a couple of the photos taken in that office. More importantly however are the pictures that show Ramey holding a piece of paper. It is believed to be his orders from Washington to hold a press conference to "kill the saucer story".

Even better, someone came up with the idea of scanning the pictures at very high resolution,



Left: Brigadier General Roger Ramey and Colonel Thomas J. DuBose.

Note the orders in Rameys' left hand.

Above: Close up of the orders.



(about 8300dpi) to see if any words can be read. It is claimed that the following is decipherable.

1. An official crest.
2. Words including "...At fort Worth Tex....the "Disk"?...emergency powers are needed site two s.w.Magdelena n.Mex. safe talk:...for meaning of story and mission....balloon story>Show "stuff" of weather balloons sent on the ....".

A high resolution copy of the picture is viewable on the w.w.web at

<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/index.htm>

Have a look for yourself. I couldn't make out the above words, but you might. Good luck.

## THE EARLY YEARS

A selection of reports from various magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Dubuque, Iowa - March 4, 1960

*The UFO Investigator* ( National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena )  
On the afternoon of March 4 three elliptical flying objects were sighted by airplane instructor Charles Morris. A pilot for 14 years, with 5000 flying hours, Morris saw the UFOs as he was watching a pupil perform aerobatics. The sighting was confirmed by six witnesses at separate locations.

At 5.57 p.m., Morris said, he saw the three objects in the southeast sky travelling in line formation. They were clear-cut, glowed blue-white and were brighter than the moon. Morris estimated their size at approximately 200 by 60 feet. Observed for over three minutes, the UFOs maintained their intensity, apparently ruling out sunlight reflections from the objects. They disappeared on a northeast course, flying horizontally. No sound was heard nor did Morris observe any exhaust or vapour trails.

Within ten minutes of Morris' broadcast report the six confirmatory reports were phoned to the station. Meantime, a local newspaper editor notified the Pentagon and shortly afterward the Air Technical Intelligence Center phoned Morris for a detailed report. An Air Force official stated they had checked and found that no aircraft which could explain the sighting were in the area. This also was confirmed by Morris after he independently checked with FAA Air Traffic Control in Cedar Rapids.

Townsville, Queensland - June 7, 1965

*The Australian Flying Saucer Digest* ( Allied UFO Groups in Australia )  
North Queensland's third "flying saucer" report in just over two weeks was made when three men arrived back in Townsville this morning from a fishing trip. The men saw two unidentified objects when fishing off Bowen. They were Mr J. Meskell, a Townsville detective; his father Mr C. Meskell, a retired police sergeant of Newcastle, and Mr E. Finch, a Newcastle businessman on holidays.

Mr Finch said in Townsville that they had been fishing with Mr M. Gulsen, a Bowen fisherman, in his boat off Gloucester Island when they saw the objects. Mr Finch said that they saw the first white light at 7.00 p.m. He said they saw a very bright light "about as bright as one of the brightest stars" moving in a southeasterly direction. They watched it for a few minutes before it disappeared. Mr Finch said about five minutes later they saw another one moving on the same path as the first which also "went out". "Both lights, which were not sparkling, looked as though they had a white ring around them", he said.

Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan - October 24, 1968

*Saucers, Space & Science* ( Gene Duplantier, Canada )  
Ben Bridges was driving to Hudson Bay from The Pas at about 8.45 p.m. and, as he reached a point some 20 miles north of the Bainbridge Hill, the lights on the car started to go dim. After the headlights had gone out four times he was forced to stop. He got out of his car and noticed a large, orange object in the sky. It appeared to taper off to a white tail of light as he observed it when it moved away at tremendous speed.

Mr Bridges said he could hear no noise and, as the object disappeared, his headlights came back on again. He has a 1968 Meteor and said the motor did not stop. Mr Bridges said that two years ago he had a similar experience while driving from Esterhazy to Saskatoon.

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## Mysterious Light Smashes Into Plane, Vanishes

The following article was released by the Associated Press in Springfield, Illinois, on July 30, 1950. It appeared on page 2 in the *DECATUR HERALD*, Decatur, Illinois, on Monday, July 31, 1950. Anyone having additional information about the incident is requested to contact John Schuessler at the address given above.

"A new what-is-it which promises to make flying saucers old hat was reported seen Saturday night by a pilot and four other persons. Jim Graham, 35, said the thing bumped right into his plane with a blinding flash, but didn't even dent the craft."

"This thing looked like a blue streak about eight or 10 feet long and had a long tail of reddish-yellow flame," the pilot told a reporter. "I was at about 5,400 feet and saw this thing coming at me from about 100 feet above me. It hit my propeller in the brightest burst of flame I have ever seen, and then it was gone." He said "there was no sound and it didn't rock my plane."

Graham, a pilot for Capital Aviation Co. of Springfield, said the collision took place west of Williamsville, about 10 miles north of Springfield, at about 10 p.m. Saturday.

"Four Springfield residents called the Illinois State Journal and said they had seen a mysterious streak in the sky. George Meikle of Springfield said it 'gave off an intense blue light.' Mrs. O.J. Kibele of Springfield said 'it was greenish like a traffic signal, with a red tail.'

Graham said he believes a number of motorists on U.S. route 66 observed the strange streak, too. He said he noticed as he flew over the highway that a number of automobiles had stopped and their spotlights were focused into the sky."

## Britons Believe In Extraterrestrial Life

BBC News reports that according to the popular science magazine *FOCUS*, 52.2% of the British people said alien life must exist in the universe somewhere. *FOCUS* editor Paul Simpson said: "Belief in alien life is no longer the preserve of the lunatic fringe. Many scientists now believe that given the rate at which we are discovering new planets, it is more likely that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe." Further, he said: "I think the view is that, at some point, we will get a radio signal that will prove there is intelligent life out there."

"The influence of the X-Files TV series is clearly evident in the poll with people deeply suspicious of the authorities. 80 percent said the government would not tell us if it knew alien life existed."

"The results of the survey also vary according to sex, age, region and social class. Women are slightly more skeptical than men. Only 43% of people in the northwest believe in aliens while 65% in the southwest and 58% in East Anglia do. Pensioners are the most likely group to insist there is no intelligent life out there."

## Did Jackie Gleason See Dead Aliens?

According to a story in the *BUFFALO NEWS*, on Sunday, June 12, 1987, Jackie Gleason was fascinated with outer space. The text of the article is as follows:

"Gleason was an avowed believer in UFOs and, according to his ex-wife Beverly McKittrick, he even got involved in some spaced-out exploits with his friend Richard Nixon.

Beverly was a 37-year-old divorcee with a great golf game when Jackie met her at a Miami country club. Their four-year marriage ended in 1974."

"In her unpublished biography of the funnyman entitled "The Great One," Beverly, Gleason's second spouse, describes a bizarre trip Jackie took with the then-president in 1973 to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida to see what she says were the bodies of four dead space aliens recovered by the Air Force. The aliens were supposedly embalmed and displayed on operating tables and classified as top secret material. Gleason and Nixon visited the base under extremely tight security, she says."

"Given the gravity of the matter and its universal implications for national security, it's hardly surprising that the TV star and the former president kept mum about it all these years."

The article also told how Gleason had accumulated one of the largest private libraries in the country, which he kept in his Florida home. I have heard this story debunked in past years, however, I have never seen any evidence of an in-depth investigation of the story. I don't expect any official release of Nixon papers on this subject, but Nixon also apparently had an interest in the subject and made noises about opening the files. I have seen no indication that any of the following field work has been done: 1) a review the contents of the Gleason private library; 2) interviews with the top 25 people involved with Gleason from 1973 until his death; 3) interviews with Gleason's drivers and pilots; 4) private interviews with Gleason's ex-wife; 5) an examination of his travel records for 1973; 6) interviews with his private physicians; and 7) an examination of where else he and Nixon visited during their friendship? Of course, this is just a beginning of a thorough examination of the possible evidence.

## Optical Signals From ET

According to the January 29, 1999 issue of *SCIENCE* magazine, some astronomers believe that flashes of laser light -- both optical and infrared -- would be a better way for extraterrestrials to communicate than by radio signals. Although radio waves travel farther, lasers are clearly superior for direct, point-to-point interstellar communications out to ranges of several thousand light-years. The Planetary Society has announced private funding for three new, low-cost "optical SETI" initiatives.

## Space Shuttle Launches to the Space Station

NASA has announced launches carrying supplies and cargo to the Space Station in 1999.

- Flight 2A.1 – May 1999. Launch vehicle: U.S. Space Shuttle STS-96. Carries internal logistics and re-supply cargo for station outfitting and an external Russian cargo crane.
- Flight 1R – July 1999. Launch vehicle: Russian Proton rocket. Carries the Russian Service Module that will serve as the space station living quarters.
- Flight 2A.2 – August 1999. Launch vehicle: U.S. Space Shuttle STS-101. Carries internal logistics and re-supply cargo for station outfitting.
- Flight 3A – October 1999. Launch vehicle: U.S. Space Shuttle STS-92. Carries Ku-band communication system, control moment gyros for attitude control, and a Shuttle docking port.
- Flight 4A – December 1999. Launch vehicle: U.S. Space Shuttle STS-97. Carries first U.S. solar power arrays and batteries and two thermal control system radiators.

All the launches are dependent upon Russia meeting their commitment to be ready to launch their Service Module in July.

## Some Useful Web Sites

- <http://hyperion.advanced.org/20174> The Aviation Science of Flight  
<http://www.onelook.com> On-line glossaries  
<http://www.stsci.edu> Space Telescope Science Institute  
<http://solar.rtd.utk.edu/~nwade/spaceflt.htm> Encyclopedia of Information on Space Flight

## Local Sighting Reports

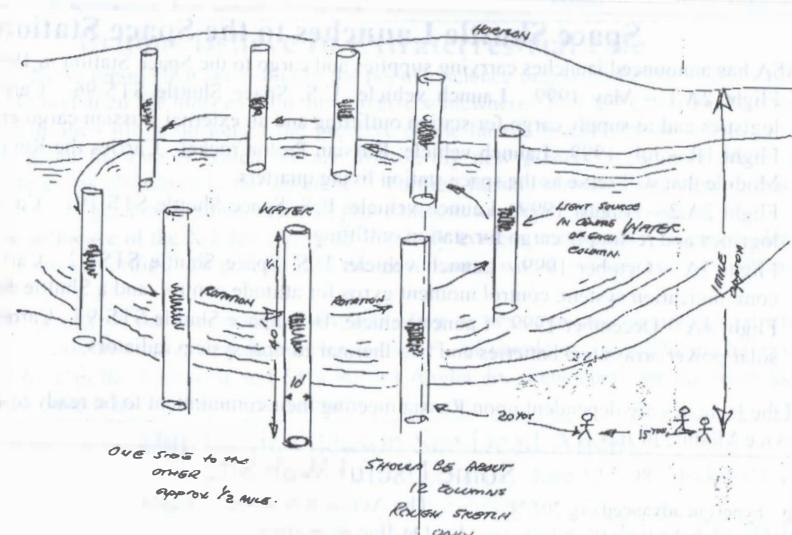
With weeks of clear nights, it is amazing the number of telephone calls we have received from people who are reporting stars for UFOs. Thankfully, most of these calls are not coming from VUFORS Members who keep abreast of UFO activity. We continue to receive reports which are helium filled balloons lit with cyalume lightsticks, especially during school holidays.

One "crop circle" report was from a source which turned out to have been caused by slime mould as checked out by the Department of Agriculture.

A report which still remains unexplained is from a family who was driving home on Easter Monday night from Bendigo, when they overtook five vehicles all moving slowly. After passing them only a few seconds later, the dashboard panel lights of their car went out and the radio went off, then came back on at a different station. The husband asked, where have those vehicles gone? The wife thought he was joking but turned around and couldn't see them. The road was straight. There were no turn offs the vehicles had vanished. Both the husband and wife panicked. Since this experience the family is not sure the vehicles were motor cars.

Another strange report which may or may not be UFO related occurred back in 1990 at Malmsbury Reservoir north of Kyneton. The date is not remembered but the time was about 7:30pm, when several pillars of white light, cylindrical "tubes" approximately 40 feet high and circling counter clockwise over the water. The light source was in the centre of each column, fading to nothing at the top and bottom. The columns were rotating at about "walking pace". Anyone knowing of a similar sighting or comments would be appreciated. See the sketch below.

Two daylight disc reports are pending follow-up investigation.



Malmsbury Reservoir 1990

## UFO Sighting Report

### Sighting Report Frankston, Melbourne Thursday 6th May 1999

By George Simpson

**V**UFORS received a call from A.T. that her boyfriend S.B. had been outside with his video camera and had recorded images of an unusual object. We were given the date and time of the sighting so my first course of action was to consult the computer program "Skyglobe" to look for possible planets etc. I immediately found Venus to be low on the horizon and almost exactly in the position of the sighting. It was difficult to avoid concluding that the video was only the planet Venus, but I hadn't seen it yet. S.B. ran the tape for me after showing me where he stood while filming the object. After a few minutes it became clear that the image was not Venus.

I do not know of any atmospheric conditions that could cause a planet to flatten out, elongate itself and hover for a few minutes on a 30 to 40 degree angle. There are a few frames where there appears to be flashing lights, and some portions of the video where the object goes out of focus.

The clincher for me is the section where the object "hops" from one side of the screen to the other in one frame. The slow motion frame by frame function on my video recorder is a handy feature because it would be easy to miss this hop motion otherwise. S.B. didn't stop filming and restart, in order to produce this effect because the jump is perfectly smooth, an impossible task for a hand held camera!

There would be associated wobble and shake if a bump was responsible for the "hop", and the framing of the shot would produce irregularities associated with the "apparent" motion. The "hop" is completely free of such tell tale effect. In fact,

the object seems to dissolve on the spot and reappear gradually in the new location....too quickly even for it to be water vapour (which was earlier considered to be a possibility).

This is evidence of some object capable of instantaneous movement of maybe some 800 metres (a conservative estimate) in less than 1/25<sup>th</sup> of a second! (Video runs at 25 f.p.s.)

The object was quite some distance from Frankston, and if you look at a large map at the area which corresponds to the direction of the object you find it appears to be right over the R.A.A.F. base in Laverton. That is consistent with typical observed unidentified objects around the world over the last 50 or so years.

We have attempted to obtain still frames of the object from the video using video capture technology but the results were not of high enough resolution. S.B. has agreed to come to our next public meeting to allow members to view the original footage. Then you will see what I mean! Cheers!

Quick!!



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### *Milestone in UFO studies published on floppy disc.*

More than two decades ago, the author introduced a new and fruitful approach to analysing UFO reports in a book, *UFOlogy: New Insights From Science And Common Sense*. The basic idea was to focus upon the unusual and puzzling phenomena that were observed, then search for scientific explanations. Experimental data published in the literature of mainstream science was used to convert general concepts into detailed descriptions. It was sometimes possible to reproduce the effects in simple experiments on a work bench. The specific, physical processes established, beyond doubt, the nature of complex, electromagnetic fields surrounding UFOs that are artifacts of their propulsion system. Research continued along this line with periodic communiques over the ensuing years. Findings were released in many articles in UFO journals and presentations in scientific and public forums. Most of that work never reached a large audience and subsequently became buried in a limited number of out-of-print documents that were usually filed away and eventually tossed out.

Many people who have become interested in UFOs during recent years have no idea of the amount of progress that has been made in understanding UFOs. For that reason, the author has compiled most of his writings onto an IBM™ 3 ½ " diskette. The text was written in the WRITE™ program of Microsoft Windows 3.1™ that is easily read directly or with most word processors. Some chapters delve into rather obscure, technical areas but are written so that the general reader can follow the arguments. Scientific veracity, however, is preserved to challenge the most critical professional. In addition, several essays are included on social issues arising from UFOs.

Chapters on general problems include Scientific Challenge, Interpreting Reports, Hot Rings, and Ripples. Disruption of vehicles is covered in Engine Interference, Self-Starting, Diesels, and Batteries. Radio Effects provide quantitative data on Fadeout, Silence, and unassisted Station Changes. Human body changes are Sounds, Odors, Tastes, and Paralysis. Social questions are addressed on Attitudes of Scientists, Public Opinion, Communication with ETs, and UFO influence upon society at large.

To obtain a copy, order *UFOlogy II: Some Final Answers* from Digital Books, 12 Bryce Court, Belmont CA 94002, U.S.A. The price of \$10 includes domestic shipping and handling. Foreign orders add \$1.50.

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Mutual UFO Network, Inc.

## Reports continued

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS  
COUNTRY

BURONGA NSW  
2nd SEPTEMBER 1998

ALLAN WILSON  
SUNRAYSLIA REPRESENTATIVE  
V.UFORS

Buronga is a small border town on the River Murray situated on the NSW side of the river with Mildura Vic the other side in the far North of the state.

Recently I received a primary report of a sighting in Buronga. A female resident of the town, as we will call KW.

On September 2nd 1998 at midnight I went out into my backyard at my residents to have a cigarette. It was a calm night no clouds and plenty of stars I was facing north when I heard a loud boom. I turned to look where the sound came from, to my right from approx South / West I saw a bright light like a star colour racing across the sky (it was about 35-40° up). Next thing another one slightly smaller came behind it following its exact course (sort of like zig zagging) as if attempting to shake the other one off. It appeared to me they were playing chasey. They went over head and the first disappeared 80° North East, the other one disappeared in the same place. I stood stunned, wishing they would return as it happened so quickly. I rang the weather people who said nothing had been released and they gave a contact number. In comparison to the speed of the planes I see here in the sky they were about 10 times faster at least.

I interviewed KW on 12th February 1999, during the interview KW stated she had gone out into the backyard of her residents to have a cigarette, it was a loud explosive boom like noise that bought her attention towards the sky. She then observed 2 round lights, 1 small the other larger. These objects were coloured blueish white similar to the colour of the stars. Direction of travel was noted also the objects pattern of movement in a zig zag manner which gave the appearance the smaller one was chasing the larger. Both objects were larger than Jupiter.

With the process of elimination, there was no air traffic or weather balloon. No other witnesses to this date, no reports to the police or media regarding this sighting.

KW described the boom like noise that bought the objects to her attention like that of an air craft passing through the sound barrier, there appeared to be no sound from the objects in flight. The sighting lasted approximately between 5-10 seconds.

I have come to the conclusion due to the fact KW heard the explosive noise immediately prior to her sighting, object size together with the speed and flight zig zag pattern, although no other witnesses have been found, I believe KW has sighted two objects in the night sky that can not be explained. There for this case remains open.

## UFO's, HOAXES OR MISTAKEN IDENTITIES:

Lights flashing and beams being thrown from objects. Photographic evidence. These are some of the reports that have come our way. One witness has reported an object over the past 2 months. The last report occurred on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 99, when the witness known as Mr A, of Albury NSW, was out walking his dog at around 8.45pm. He looked in a southeasterly direction and his attention was drawn to a very bright light described as aircraft lights. There seemed to be two lights. They were pure white and about the size of half a thumbnail held at arms length. Mr A described this object saying it was of a higher magnitude than Venus and it seemed to grow from nothing and brighten. It appeared to rotate on its axis before dimming and disappearing. The object seemed to remain still. On this occasion he watched the object for one minute.

The weather was clear and Mr A stated that he had seen the similar object over the months and that it behaved as he had just described. I interviewed Mr A over the telephone and forwarded a sighting report in an attempt to identify the lights. To date Mr A has not returned the report. Inquiries have failed to identify the object

Another report came via the Border Mail Newspaper reporting a sighting by a local Albury woman who had started seeing strange lights eight months previously. She watched the lights through a pair of binoculars and described the objects as three stationary pulsing lights well above the ground.

They were continually observed over the next few months and as

described by this witness, they did not move but would disappear after several minutes. This witness eventually obtained a video camera and filmed the lights. I have spoken to this witness via the telephone and again forwarded reports in an attempt to identify the lights. To date they have not been returned.

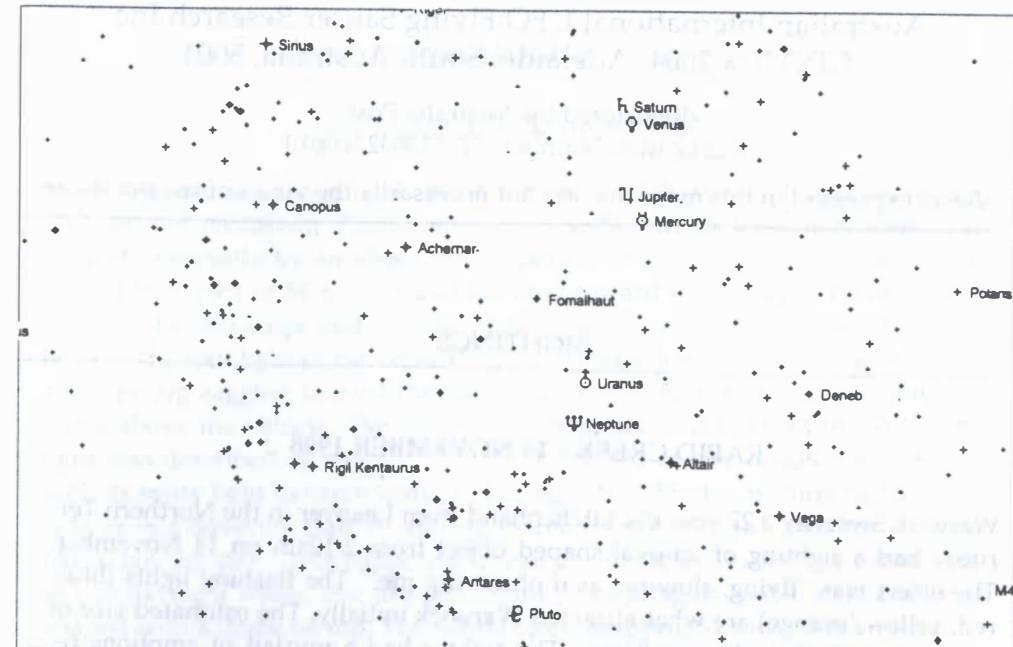
Other inquiries revealed three red obstruction warning lights for aircraft which are in the direction of the reported lights but do not fit the description given. Further to this at the time the objects were observed three bright stars were in that particular direction. A request was made to this witness to contact me if she observed the return of the lights. I have not viewed the video of the alleged sighting at this point in time. It is also important to note that the camera had a zoom function. It is unclear whether the automatic zoom was operating when the video was taken.

I have no doubt that lights were seen in the area and that they appeared to behave erratically. The atmospheric conditions on that morning may have had some effect and further inquiries into this possibility are needed.

The Wodonga / Albury area have been a focusing point for hoaxes that have been investigated by me and proven to be the result of pranksters.

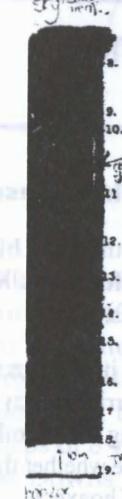
At this time the investigations are incomplete into both of these reports and until the answers are forthcoming and all the possibilities as to the objects being natural or man made are examined these sightings still remain unexplained

James OWEN  
North East Representative  
Victorian UFO Research Society



Acting on a Sighting Report Form I received via V.U.F.O.R.S. HQ, I contacted the witness who wishes to remain anonymous. For the sake of the article we will refer to her as Ms.

Ms was returning from work at 11.30 p.m. and had an unobstructed view to the Nth East on the 22/11/98. The object was seen from the East Side of the outskirts of Colac.



To the left is the witnesses' own drawing of the object! What caught the attention of Ms was the bright blue colour and shape of the object. From her viewpoint the object appeared to be 5 metres in length, in a vertical position, with a Diamond Head. Ms claims not to have been under any effect of any intoxicant. The object was stationary when first viewed and then it sped down below the horizon after a 30-second duration of being viewed.

Weather conditions on that night were reported as fine with light cloud. Due to the nature of the report I cannot offer a viable explanation of the sighting at this stage.

JAMES KENNEDY R.M.R.N. ©  
Western District Area Representative

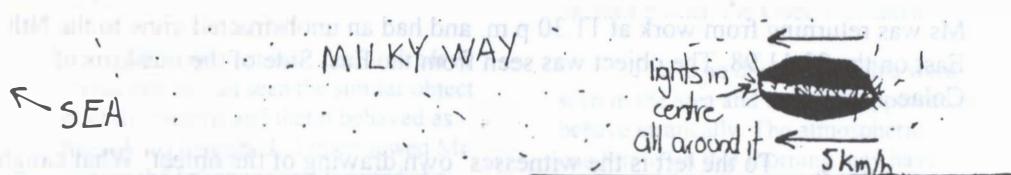
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## SIGHTINGS

### RAPID CREEK - 14 NOVEMBER 1998

Warwick Sweeney a 22 year old kitchenhand from Leanyer in the Northern Territory had a sighting of an oval shaped object from 2:10am on 14 November. The object was "flying, slowing, as if observing me." The flashing lights (blue, red, yellow/orange) are what attracted Warwick initially. The estimated size of the object was that of a small car. The sightee had a myriad of emotions regarding the object - scared, excited, overwhelmed, spun out, excellent. He was, however, disappointed because they didn't stop for a chat. The slow moving object merely flew off into the distance over the sea.



## VUFORS Web Page

Don't forget that VUFORS has a presence on the Internet also. The site caters to both VUFORS members and non-members and contains news, membership information, sighting summaries and links to other quality UFO related sites on the Net. Our aim is to always publish our best information in **The Australian UFO Bulletin** well before it is seen on our Web site. (Sometimes by months!)

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## UFOs on the Internet

By Tony Cook - VUFORS

### Billionaire in crop circle research

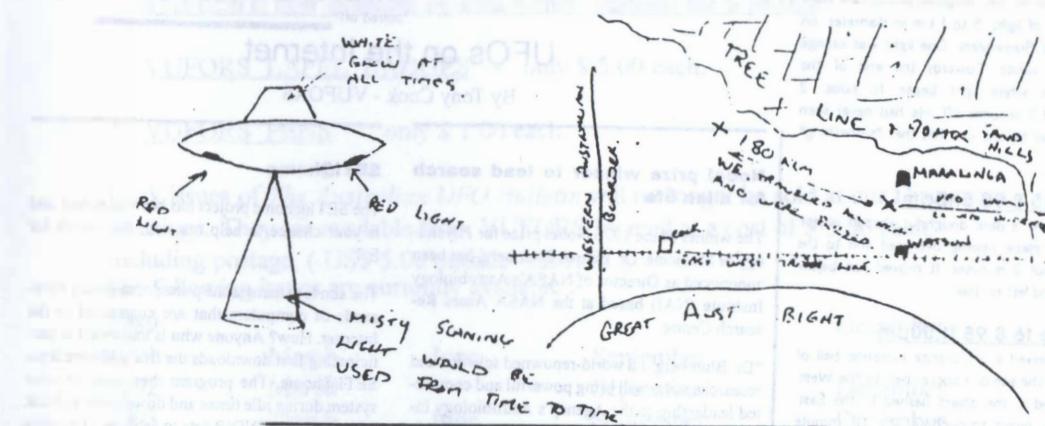
The BBC has reported that US billionaire Laurance Rockefeller is to fund the UK's largest ever survey of crop circles.

The crop circle season has just begun in the UK and the research will be carried out by scientists in the Wiltshire area during the month of June. The goal being to determine whether the patterns are genuine or the work of hoaxers.

## SIGHTINGS

### NULLABOUR PLAINS - 1987

Mark Ingham a professional shooter from O'Halloran Hill was travelling through the Nullabour Plains one night in 1987 when his Landcruiser was buzzed repeatedly by an object over a period of 6 to 8 hours. The object appeared from east of Maralinga and hovered toward the vehicle. "I looked at it through the rifle scope and saw the metallic object with no rivets, welds or pot holes." The spot light of the Landcruiser was shone toward the object which reacted by zig-zagging toward the Landcruiser and then hovering not quite directly above the vehicle. The object then shone its own light on the 4WD, the light was described as 'misty'. "The UFO hovered at tree height and scanned with its misty light indiscriminately. All night (the object was) moving from beside us in a hovering state to moving extremely fast into the distance, looking like a dancing star." This happened repeatedly all night. Mark describes the object as having a white, star like glow with two red lights underneath and oval shaped with a dome on top. The silent object disappeared soon after sunrise.



### ALICE SPRINGS - 29 AUGUST 1998

A Church Minister from Alice Springs noticed 3 objects north west of Alice Springs at 10:45 pm on 29 August last year. The objects appeared as bright dots estimated to be 3 times brighter than the surrounding stars. The objects were larger than stars and made no noise and were stationary about 30-40 degrees from the horizon before disappearing one by one. There were three groups of 8 youths who witnessed this event from their vantage point at Hamilton Downs Youth Camp. The group were ecstatic and excited at the display.



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#### Keperra 21.8.98 7.55pm

#### Moggill 13.8.98 8.37pm

A woman was driving from Moggill to Brisbane. Towards Brisbane (East) she saw three white and five reddish lights in the sky. She returned home frightened and reported her sighting to us.

#### Middle Park 13.8.98

A witness observed first three then two more intense bright lights to the North for about 3.5 minutes. The brightness of the lights was constant. They appeared to be stationary at first, and then they moved downwards, disappearing behind trees. The Mt. Coot-tha lights seemed much smaller by comparison. (These lights are on the TV towers about 8 km distant).

#### Sunshine Coast 14.8.98 10.05 pm

A witness who lives on a hill and can see land from Maroochydore to the Gateway Bridge in Brisbane, a distance of about 50 km, reported seeing two huge circular patches of light 5 to 1 km in diameter, on the ground near Burpengary. One light was orange and the other white. Towards the end of the observation the white light began to pulse, 2 seconds on and 5 seconds off. He had never seen anything like this before and felt that "something" was going on.

#### Kingston 15.8.98 5.15pm

Six observers saw a dark doughnut shaped object, smaller than a plane passing overhead and to the North, for about 2 minutes. It moved just below cloud height, and left no trail.

#### St George 16.8.98 11.00pm

A woman observed a red/orange pulsating ball of light in the sky the size of a soccer ball to the West. As she watched it, the object flashed to the East. No noise was heard throughout the 10 minute observation.

#### Dayboro 18.8.98

A man observed a bright white object to the South, moving to the NW on a straight path at a similar speed as an aircraft but without making any noise, disappear suddenly.

#### Gateway Bridge 15.8.98 evening

A pilot observed a number of lights moving from near the Bridge to the northern end of Brisbane Airport. At first he thought they were helicopters. He estimated them to be 200 to 500 feet high and observed them for 5 to 10 minutes. The lights moved independently of each other and were about 10 times brighter than Venus. They dimmed and went out.

A witness looking towards the Samford Valley (NW) saw a big white light like the full moon flashing on and off. He could also see what looked like sheet lightning around the light and the lights of cars moving below it on the ground. He heard no associated noise and the sighting lasted for about 30 seconds. Others saw the light also.

#### Deception Bay 22.8.98 10.30 pm

Six witnesses observed three round orange lights moving N to S. They moved faster than a plane and made no noise. Two of the lights were seen together, and the third appeared a minute later. Two other reports were received from independent witnesses in the same neighbourhood in Deception Bay, reporting orange lights at that time and date.

The descriptions given were such that illegal hot air balloons could not immediately be eliminated as a possible explanation. They are held over, pending more detailed investigation.

#### waterside 18.9.98 6.45pm

A member of our Association observed a pale orange light in the Eastern sky moving East a little faster than a plane. It passed overhead without making any perceptible noise and in about 2 minutes it was lost in the slight haze which prevailed at the time. Throughout the observation, it looked like a point of light.

#### Ipswich 19.9.98 10.30 pm

Thirty witnesses attending a party observed six orange lights coming from the East one after the other at intervals of 1 to 2 minutes. They stopped in a half circle and then took up a formation of three pairs held position for a while and then faded out. The episode lasted about 10 minutes, no sound was heard, and the lights appeared round. As they faded, their apparent size diminished to that of stars and they "went out". Video images were obtained while the lights were approaching and when they were "paired off".

### UFOs on the Internet

By Tony Cook - VUFORS

#### Nobel prize winner to lead search for alien life

The winner of the 1976 Nobel prize for Physiology or Medicine, Dr. Baruch Blumberg, has been announced as Director of NASA's Astrobiology Institute (NAI) based at the NASA Ames Research Centre.

"Dr. Blumberg is a world-renowned scientist and researcher who will bring powerful and committed leadership to the Agency's Astrobiology Institute," said NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin.

Dr. Blumberg is best known for his work in the development of the hepatitis B vaccine.

The Astrobiology Institute was established in July, 1998 and employs a multidisciplinary focus to bring together astronomers, biologists, chemists, exobiologists, geologists and physicists. A key goal is to search for the origins of life — on Earth, elsewhere in our solar system and beyond.

NASA Astrobiology Institute is at:  
<http://nai.arc.nasa.gov>

#### SETI@home

The SETI@home project has been launched and is your chance to help out with the search for E.T.

The aim is to harness the power of the many thousands of computers that are connected to the Internet. How? Anyone who is interested in participating first downloads the free software from SETI@home. The program then runs on your system during idle times and downloads a chunk of Project SERENDIP data to analyse. (This data was captured by the Arecibo Radio Telescope in Puerto Rico). The analysed data is then returned to Project SERENDIP and combined with other data process by SETI@home volunteers.

Your pc could be the one that first notices a "strange" signal from outer space.

Join in at:  
<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/>

## SOCIETY NEWS

The VUFORS Sightings Report Line  
is AVAILABLE 24 hours a day - 7 days a week.

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Please report your sightings to this number.

Note: This is NOT a 1900 service. Your call is charged at standard call rates.

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#### Elections:

At our Annual General Meeting to be held on September 9th, a new Committee will either be declared or elected.

All nominations must be submitted on a clean sheet of paper; must also be signed by a nominator. Seconder, who together with the nominee, must be financial members of this Society. All nominations are required to be in the hands of the Secretary, NO LATER than the 2nd August, 1999.



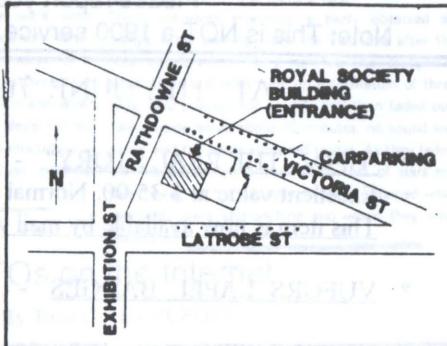
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## DISCUSSION NIGHT

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# SOCIETY HISTORY

# 1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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